

EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday, 13 September 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Education Board held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor
West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 13 September 2018 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Henry Colthurst (Chairman)	Christopher Hayward
Ann Holmes (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Randall Anderson	Tim Campbell
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Deborah Knight
Alderman Peter Estlin	Veronica Wadley
Stuart Fraser	

Officers:

Alistair MacLellan	- Town Clerk's Department
Sufina Ahmad	- Town Clerk's Department
Chandni Tanna	- Town Clerk's Department
Mark Jarvis	- Chamberlain's Department
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Anne Bamford	- Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director
Daniel McGrady	- Department of Community and Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Caroline Haines, Alderman William Russell and Roby Sayed. The Town Clerk noted that Chris Hayward would be arriving late.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that subject to some typographical amendments the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 19 July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

4. ACTIONS

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding actions arising from previous meetings and the following points were made.

Report on 2017/18 City Premium Grants

The Education Strategy Director noted that this report would be submitted to Members in November 2018.

Review of Local Governing Body Arrangements – City of London Academy Southwark

The Education Strategy Director noted that this action should be included on the actions list going forward and was due in January 2019.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

5. EDUCATION ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Members considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding Education Activities and the following points were made.

- In response to a request from a Member, the Education Strategy Director agreed to expand the report to a six-month lookahead document going forward.
- A Member recommended booking Guildhall venues such as the Great Hall up to two years in advance.
- The Chairman noted ongoing planning for the proposed July 2019 careers event and emphasised that the event would build on the work undertaken by the City of London Corporation to date. In response, a Member commented that the City should be mindful of emerging narratives in employability e.g. the emphasis on digital skills.
- A Member noted that, in his view, there was a need to change the narrative around the perception of apprenticeships as second rate to university degrees. He cited an example of a recent conversation with a Managing Director of a construction company who had found it difficult to recruit four apprentices.
- A Member suggested that the Education Strategy Director explore the possibility of securing royal patronage of the careers event.
- A Member noted that it was important to direct the careers narrative at parents as well as young people, and moreover take into account the approaches adopted by corporates in identifying and recruiting talent.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

6. GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

Members considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding Governor Appointments and the following points were made.

- The Director of Community and Children's Services noted that the Board of Trustees of the City of London Academies Trust had conducted its annual review of the terms of references of its Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) and had decided that the composition of LGBs could be varied in exceptional circumstances.

- The Chairman noted that a column detailing each Governor's end-date of appointment would be included in Governor Appointments reporting going forward.
- A Member commented that she would welcome persons with demonstrable cultural experience being appointed to LGBs to serve as Governors responsible for culture.
- Members debated the respective merits of large and small Governing Bodies.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

7. EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURAL AND CREATIVE LEARNING STRATEGY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2018-19

Members considered a report of the Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director regarding the Education, Skills and Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy Annual Action Plan 2018/19 and the following points were made.

- The Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director noted that the action plan was what underpinned the Education, Skills and Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy, and that a graphic representation of the action plan was in development to be shared with relevant stakeholders.
- In response to a comment from a Member, the Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director agreed to discuss the issue of sports engagement with the Director of Communications, to ensure that City Schools were included in any City Sports engagement going forward.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

8. DIGITAL SKILLS STRATEGY FOR 2018-23

Members considered a joint report of the Director of Community and Children's Services and the Director of Economic Development regarding the Digital Skills Strategy for 2018-23 and the following points were made.

- A Member welcomed the change in focus from digital skills qualifications towards ensuring young people were ready for the world of work.
- The Town Clerk noted that the Digital Skills Strategy complemented the existing Employability Strategy, and the Heads of City Schools were member of the officer-level Digital Skills Group.
- A Member requested that officers be mindful of the potential for the strategy to complement the work undertaken to combat cybercrime by the City of London Police and City businesses.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

9. **BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Members considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding the Budget Update for the 2018/19 financial year. The Chairman noted that the £43,000 saving referenced within the report was due to the underspend in salary for the Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director's secondment to the City of London Academies Trust between April-July 2018.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

Education Board – September Meeting Date

At the request of the Chairman, Members agreed that the September meeting date of the Education Board should be deferred by one week going forward.

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

14. **NON-PUBLIC ACTIONS**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding non-public actions arising from previous meetings.

15. **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

Members considered a report of the Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director regarding safeguarding.

16. **UN-VALIDATED 2018 RESULTS DATA FOR CITY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS**

Members considered a report of the Strategic Education, Culture and Skills Director regarding Unvalidated 2018 results data for the City Family of Schools.

17. **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES AND SOCIAL HOUSING ON THE FORMER RICHARD CLOUDSLEY SCHOOL SITE**

Members considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding progress on the provision of additional primary school places and social housing on the former Richard Cloudesley school site.

18. **GATEWAY 5 - GALLEYWALL PRIMARY SCHOOL - TENDER AWARD**

Members considered a report of the City Surveyor regarding Galleywall Primary School – Tender Award.

19. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 4.55 pm

Chairman

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